

FACT SHEET



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Indiana Clean Marina Program Office of Compliance Support

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Background:

The Indiana Clean Marina Program was developed in an effort to protect our state's inland and coastal waterways by reducing the potential environmental impacts associated with marinas and recreational boating. The Indiana Clean Marina Program provides information, technical assistance and guidance to marinas and recreational boaters. By participating in this voluntary program, marinas, boatyards and yacht clubs will be recognized for their environmental stewardship. The Indiana Clean Marina Program is a collaborative effort of the Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM), the Indiana Department of Natural Resources (IDNR), and Indiana marinas, boatyards, yacht clubs, and recreational boaters.

Environmental Impacts:

- The following pollutants are often generated at marinas and in the course of recreational boating:
 - Petroleum hydrocarbons from fuel, oil, and solvents.
 - Nutrients and pathogens from overboard sewage discharge and pet waste.
 - Toxic metals and compounds from hull antifoulants and boat cleaning and maintenance.
 - Liquid and solid wastes generated from engine and hull maintenance and general marina activities.
 - Sediments from parking lot and construction site run-off and shoreline erosion.
 - Fish waste from dockside fish cleaning.
 - Invasive species introduced into the water body from boats, trailers and bait.
- Pollutants often concentrate in marinas since the marinas are often in areas that are protected from the wind, waves, and current. Marina basins are often poorly flushed and therefore more susceptible to damage by pollutants.

IDEM's Role:

- IDEM designates marinas as Clean Marinas if they meet the following requirements:
 - Meet all federal and state laws that pertain to their facilities
 - Achieve a cumulative score of at least 80 percent of selected best management practices listed in the *Clean Marina Guidebook* that apply to their facility.
- IDEM provides free technical assistance, including access to best management practices guidebooks and confidential on-site visits, and on-site assistance for meeting legal requirements.

Clean Marina Program Benefits:

- Free publicity for your marina – Marinas that are recognized as a Clean Marinas are promoted through news releases, newsletters, and boating guides. Indiana will provide Clean Marina signs and flags to display, and the Indiana Clean Marina logo may be used on the marina's letterhead.
- Helps increase your customer base – Marinas will be able to use the Clean Marina designation as a way of promoting a cleaner and healthier facility.
- Improved water quality and habitat – Marinas and boaters can enjoy cleaner waters and attractive shorelines, which will add to the marinas' continued success and the enjoyment of boaters.
- Walking the talk – Being designated as Clean Marina is a way for marinas to demonstrate that they are good stewards of the environment while they ask their patrons to also be good stewards.

Additional Information:

- For a copy of the Indiana Clean Marina Guidebook, visit www.IN.gov/idem/prevention/2412.htm.
- For more information on becoming an Indiana Clean Marina, please contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance at (800) 988-7901 or, by e-mail, at cleanmarinaprogram@idem.IN.gov.